

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

7:00 PM

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Virtual

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Danny Schaible, Council Vice President, Ward 2
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1
Ben Simasek, Ward 3
Jimmy McClellan, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Daniel Peabody, Ward 4
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

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Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call**Also Present:**

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas
City Treasurer-Ron Brooks
Chief of Police-Jarrold Towers
Director of Public Works-Lesley Riddle
Deputy Director of Public Works-Hal Metzler
BOSE Chair-Zach Peters
Deputy City Administrator-Suzanne Ludlow
City Clerk-Laura Reams

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Croslin
Council Vice-President Danny Schaible
Councilmember Sam Denes
Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Councilmember Ben Simasek
Councilmember Jimmy McClellan
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Daniel Peabody
Council President Joseph Solomon
Councilmember Rommel Sandino

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda amended:

1) MODIFY Action Item 10.b) HCC-413-FY22, Hyattsville Ordinance 2022-03: Authorizing the Issue and Sell of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING)

a. The motion language has been modified for item (1) as follows:

“(1) general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount NOT to exceed Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$11,250,000)”,

2) MODIFY Consent item 9.f) Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds

a. The motion language has been modified as follows (change in bold):

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 1 discretionary funds in the amount of **\$163.39** to pay for a Zoom account for the free Hyattsville Community Yoga class, \$500 to the SoHy Co-op for placemaking of The Spot, **and \$500 to Tired Parents of Hyattsville for community outreach.**

3) ADD (Councilmember Schaible) Motion HCC-06212-FY22 Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 2 discretionary funds up to \$500 to pay for food and non-alcoholic drink at Los Cocineros restaurant in Hyattsville for a Ward 2 check-in with buffet style food, \$500 for Route One Community Cares, and \$300 to Hyattsville Aging in Place.

4) ADD (Councilmember Solomon) Motion HCC-06211-FY22 Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 5 discretionary funds in the amount of \$200 to pay for Riverfront Neighborhood Meeting and \$713.28 to the Education Advisory Committee for back-to-school and student homelessness programs.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Denes, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

4. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Written Comments:

Chuck Perry submitted a comment opposed to HCC-411-FY22

Chuck Perry submitted a comment opposed to HCC-413-FY22

Chuck Perry submitted a comment opposed to HCC-420-FY22

Chuck Perry submitted a comment regarding the lack of veterinary services in Prince George's County.

Spoken Comments:

Rumi Matsuyama provided a public comment thanking the Council for supporting the community yoga zoom.

Julia Crooks provided a public comment giving general information about the Hyattsville Tired Parents organization.

Melissa Schwiesguth provided a public comment regarding the process the City used to make changes to the City noise ordinance during the adoption of the Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban.

Liz Omondi provided a comment regarding an incident at Driskell Park that she stated caused fear and tension for people in the park. She proposed that the City use this incident as an opportunity to start community conversations about safety, racial justice and they type of community that Hyattsville wants to be.

5. Community Notices and Meetings

Councilmember Schaible read the calendar of events from June 22, 2022 through July 19, 2022.

5.a. Main City Calendar: June 22, 2022 - July 18, 2022[HCC-421-FY22](#)

N/A

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [City Calendar June 22, 2022 - July 18, 2022](#)

6. City Administrator Update

City Administrator Tracey Douglas provided an update regarding City related news.

7. Presentations (8:20 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.)**7.a. Special Mayoral Election - Presentation of Results**[HCC-417-FY22](#)

Presentation Only

Sponsors: City Administrator

City Clerk Laura Reams and Board of Supervisors of Elections Chair Zach Peters presented results and details from the June 7 Special Mayoral Election.

8. Appointments

8.a. Appointment of Members to the Redistricting Commission[HCC-416-FY22](#)

I move the Mayor and Council appoint the following individuals to the Redistricting Commission:

- Greta Mosher, Ward 1 (Representative of the Board of Supervisors of Elections)
- T. Carter Ross, Ward 2 (Representative of the Ethics Commission)
- Alicia Freemyn, Ward 3 (Representative of the Race & Equity Task Force)
- Cynthia Totten, Ward 4 (Representative of the Education Advisory Committee)
- Cliff Mayo, Ward 5 (Representative of the Planning Committee)
- Andrew Sayer, Ward 2
- Jennifer Gafford, Ward 3
- Leland Dudek, Ward 4
- Krystil Smith, Ward 5

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Resolution 2022-03- Redistricting Commission](#)
[Sayer RC Ward2](#)
[Gafford RC Ward3](#)
[Smith RC Ward5](#)
[Dudek RC Ward4](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9. Consent Items (8:50 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.)

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature, and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Mayor/Council request specific items be removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that the consent items be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9.a. Acceptance of the Certified Results for the 2022 Special Mayoral Election[HCC-409-FY22](#)

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Certified Return Sheet 2022](#)

9.b. Extension of the Premium Pay for City Essential Workers [HCC-411-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an extension of the temporary Premium Pay program not to exceed (NTE) 4 additional pays within the eight-week period beginning with the first pay date in July 2022 and ending with the last pay date of August 2022 to provide additional pay to the City's frontline essential employees whose income or hourly rate falls below 65% of the Area Median Income for Prince George's County. The extension of the program will not exceed \$57,500 in costs using American Rescue Plan funds.

Sponsors: City Administrator

9.c. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hyattsville, Habitat For Humanity Metro Maryland, and Hyattsville Aging In Place [HCC-406-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a one-year Memorandum of Understanding between the City, Habitat for Humanity, and Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) to promote the RAMP (formerly CAPABLE) home modification, repair, and weatherization program. The MOU will run through June 30, 2023, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [MOU RAMP HHMM HAP 6.13.22](#)
[MOU CAPABLE 2020 \(1\)](#)

9.d. FY22 DPW CIP Budget Amendment: Teen Center Renovations at 5812 40th Avenue [HCC-412-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY22 DPW Capital Improvements Budget and authorize the Treasurer to adjust and transfer budget appropriations to cover the cost of the Teen Center Renovations at 5812 40th Avenue not to exceed (NTE) \$1,250,000.

Sponsors: City Administrator

9.e. Resolution 2022-05 - Maryland DHCD National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund [HCC-414-FY22](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2022-05, a resolution supporting the City of Hyattsville's grant application to the Maryland DHCD in the amount of \$175,000 to support the City's Commercial Façade Improvement Program. Upon the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Resolution 2022-05 - Maryland DHCD Grant Application](#)

9.f. Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds [HCC-415-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 1 discretionary funds in the amount of \$163.39 to pay for a Zoom account for the free Hyattsville Community Yoga class, \$500 to the SoHy Co-op for placemaking of The Spot, **and \$500 to Tired Parents of Hyattsville for community outreach.**

Sponsors: Denes and Waszczak

9.g. Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds [HCC-410-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of \$1,200 of Ward 3 FY22 discretionary funds to Hyattsville Aging in Place to support senior residents.

Sponsors: Simasek and McClellan

9.h. Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds [HCC-405-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appropriation and disbursement of Ward 4 discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,200 in support of Ward 4's 2022 Community Day celebration, and the amount of \$500 to the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation in support of their 2022 "Bursting on the Scene" community mural painting event at the West Hyattsville Metro Station.

Sponsors: Haba and Peabody

Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds [HCC-424-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 2 discretionary funds up to \$500 to pay for food and non-alcoholic drink at Los Cocineros restaurant in Hyattsville for a Ward 2 check-in with buffet style food, \$500 for Route One Community Cares, and \$300 to Hyattsville Aging in Place.

Sponsors: Croslin and Schaible

Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds [HCC-425-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 5 discretionary funds in the amount of \$200 to pay for Riverfront Neighborhood Meeting and \$713.28 to the Education Advisory Committee for back-to-school and student homelessness programs.

Sponsors: Solomon and Sandino

10. Action Items (8:55 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.)

10.a. Hyattsville Ordinance 2022-02: Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban [HCC-419-FY22](#)
(SECOND READING & ADOPTION)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2022-02, whereby the City Council amends Chapter 79 of the Hyattsville Code to implement a prohibition on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within the City's municipal boundaries as well as a gas-powered leaf blower rebate program, effective August 1, 2022.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [HO-2022-02 amending Ch 79 - gas powered leaf blower ban_061522_effective Aug 1 2022_CLEAN COPY](#)
[HO-2022-02 amending Ch 79 - gas powered leaf blower ban_061522_effective Aug 1 2022_showing edits](#)

The following amendments were made to include renters to be eligible for the rebate program:

1. Page 5, line 34 changed to "A person owning or renting a home..."
2. Page 7, line 13 changed to "Eligible homeowners or renters..."

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Simasek, that this agenda item be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

10.b. Hyattsville Ordinance 2022-03: Authorizing the Issue and Sell of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING) [HCC-413-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council introduce Hyattsville Ordinance 2022-03 authorizing and empowering City of Hyattsville to issue and sell from time to time one or more series of (1) general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount **NOT** to exceed Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$11,250,000), and (2) general obligation bond anticipation notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000), and (3) general obligation refunding bonds provided that the aggregate principal amount of any series of refunding bonds shall not exceed one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the aggregate principal amount of the bonds refunded therefrom. The ordinance requires the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be used and applied for the public purpose of financing, reimbursing or refinancing costs of the project identified as 3505 Hamilton Street Public Safety Building, together with related costs; specifies the amount of the bonds and the bond anticipation notes to be allocated to the project, provides that each series of the authorized bonds, bond anticipation notes and refunding bonds may be sold at public sale or private sale; authorizes the City Council to determine or provide by resolution for various matters relating to the authorization, sale, security, issuance, delivery, payment, and redemption or repayment of and for each series of bonds; City pledges its full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power to the payment of debt service on the bonds and provides for the imposition of ad valorem taxes sufficient for such purposes. Details of any series of the bonds to be issued shall be determined or provided for by resolution of the City Council.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Active 160536765 2 City of Hyattsville Ordinance 2022 Bans 6-15-2022](#)

Council Member Simasek asked about the effect of this note on the debt service scheduled for FY23.

City Treasurer Ron Brooks replied that the FY23 budget has been adjusted to allow for the interest payments on the note.

City Financial Advisor Michael Sudsina added that the City expects to get final costs determined so that the note can be converted to a bond thereby reducing the City's overall debt.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Haba, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

10.c. Purchase of IPro Software[HCC-420-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to approve the purchase of IPro software, to include training and maintenance, at a cost not to exceed \$47,900.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [IPro Packet](#)

Council Vice-President Schaible moved to untable the motion and was seconded by Council Member Solomon. The motion to untable was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Solomon stated that through discussions with the City Administrator and Chief of Police, his concerns regarding the technological security of the software have been adequately addressed.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

11. Discussion Items (9:55 p.m. - 10:10 p.m.)**11.a Election of President of the Council**[HCC-418-FY22](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: City Administrator

The Council will elect the President of the Council at the next City Council Meeting.

12. Council Dialogue (10:10 p.m. - 10:20 p.m.)